

**Lamoille South Supervisory Union
Optional Educational Structures Committee**

Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2010

Approval of minutes of April 28, 2010 – Moved, Seconded, Passed

Election of Chairperson – Continue to put off to future meeting.

Appointment of minute recorder – David Jaqua

Review of structural change process

- LSSU-OES committee deliberates and makes recommendation to LSSU board.
- LSSU board conducts legal review, deliberates and establishes a recommendation.
- Town school boards deliberate and establish individual recommendations.
- Town’s voters have final say.

Programmatic implications – A general discussion ensued regarding programmatic implications of various options. What happens if there is no change? What is the probable programmatic trajectory in terms of curriculum and staffing? Is qualitative and/or quantitative information available? How would different structures alter this? What is “optimal” size of a school system to best offer learning opportunities for all and also be efficient in resource utilization? What current educational trends might inform the committee? What role could technology play? Ray will ask SU for information on these questions.

Mission Statements and Values - Ray distributed the consolidated values statement. The values are to be used as a set of filters with which to in part base future decisions. The committee reviewed them

individually and noted some redundancy. Perhaps there are too many. The individual statements should be expressed as values and not goals. Committee deemed the statements a work in progress. Jeff D. offered to further consolidate the statements and work with Ray on a revised version.

Discussion on Wolcott – Ray reported that the SU would like the committee to consider its work without formal representation from Wolcott. The SU and individual boards all recognize and value the importance of Wolcott to the LSSU schools. The committee is free to discuss Wolcott and members of the Wolcott community would be free to participate in the committees work when the public is invited for input.

Structures – The committee commenced to discuss the details of particular structures. It was noted that school boards and voters in several Addison county communities approved a consolidation, which is not being challenged. Center for Rural Studies has a report on the deliberations and process.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Next meeting Wednesday May 26, Stowe Elementary School

Respectfully submitted by David Jaqua